

Minutes of OCh/G Staff Meeting, 8 March 1954

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25X1A9A 1. [ ] reported that some revision will be necessary in plans for supporting official travel by Geographic Area personnel to the annual meeting of the AAG in Philadelphia. It is the desire of the AD/RR that only one individual from each of the four divisions and one from OCh/G be designated as official delegates to the meetings. Each Division will be responsible for the maintenance of an adequate staff in Washington during the Philadelphia meetings, but official leave will be granted to those professional geographers who are able to arrange to attend the sessions.

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25X1A9A 2. [ ] announced that the American Congress of Surveying and Mapping will be holding meetings in Washington this month. Official leave will also be granted to personnel of the Geographic Area who have a legitimate need to attend these meetings.

3. It was pointed out that the existing memoranda outlining procedures for establishment of project initiation, editorial liaison, and processing of final reports for publication within the Geographic Area are now out of date in view of organizational changes that have transpired since these memoranda were originally prepared. [ ] will work with representatives of St/PC in redrafting these memoranda to make a statement that will be congruent with the existing organizational structure of ORR. It is desired that the new statement make provision for the publications of D/GL [ ] to the intelligence issuances of D/CG and D/GP. A draft of the new statement will be available to interested Divisions for their review before final issuance. [ ] took this opportunity to explain in somewhat further detail the functions of St/PC and the services which they can render to the Geographic Area.

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6. There was considerable discussion of the desirability of promoting closer relationship between personnel of the Geographic Area and the analysts in the other areas of ORR. It was pointed out that, despite orientation courses and similar efforts to familiarize personnel of ORR with the functions and available services that can be provided by the Geographic Area, a number of analysts in the Economic Area and the Coordination Area are still apparently unaware of the role of the Geographic Area within ORR. It was suggested that the Division Chiefs give some thought to the problem and suggest ideas for promoting closer relationship and for stirring up interest in maps and geography as intelligence techniques. A number of publications of the Economic Area will be assembled and distributed among Division Chiefs for review to see wherein more effective use of geographic techniques might have improved the quality of these reports.

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25X1A9A 8. [REDACTED] explained to the group the circumstances  
25X1A9A surrounding [REDACTED] departure from the Geographic Area staff.

25X1A9A 9. [REDACTED] mentioned intelligence requirements of the U.S. 2nd Fleet and 6th Fleet and commented on some of the difficulties that these commands were experiencing in obtaining information sufficient to fill their requirements. There followed a discussion of the lack of coordination and cooperation among the various services in the whole field of photo intelligence.

25X1A9A 10. [REDACTED] reported that he is interested in compiling a comprehensive listing of available relief models and embossed relief maps. He requested that information concerning the availability of such items be made available to him.

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